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	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Normand Brisson et al.
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	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Collins, Cynthia E
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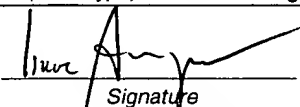
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re of the Application of

Normand Brisson et al.

Serial Number: 09/851,084

Filed: May 9, 2001

For: MAPPING MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS  
IN PLANTS WITH PROTEIN FRAGMENT  
COMPLEMENTATION ASSAYS

Group Art Unit: 1638  
Examiner: Cynthia E. Collins

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant is submitting herewith a Request for Continuing Examination. Prior to Examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to review the arguments set forth in the response to the final rejection dated September 23, 2003. Also, as a result of the patent office failure to reply within the 30 day statutory limit (that is by December 23, 2003), the time clock for submitting this RCE is believed to be timely.

Applicant is also submitting a new listing of claims starting at page 2, since Applicant is now canceling claims 7-26 which were previously withdrawn.

Remarks and arguments begin on page of this paper.